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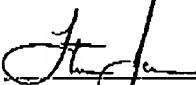
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FOR: PIXEL DEFECT DETECTOR FOR SOLID-STATE IMAGING DEVICE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated February 8, 2006 of the above-referenced application. Applicants respond to the Office Action as follows.

Claims 1-6 and 9-19 are pending in the application.

As recited in independent claim 1, a pixel defect detector includes a calculation section for obtaining output characteristics for at least three amounts of incident light. An advantage of this feature is that least squares analysis can be used in determining the photovoltaic coefficient and the offset output level. Use of the least squares method is described on page 14, lines 3-12 of the specification.